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## **Industrial Relations Now Offers Internet Wage and Contribution Reporting Online**

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, December 29, 2004 . . . . . Employers now have the option to file unemployment insurance wage and contribution reports online. The fourth quarter reports for 2004 are due no later than January 31, 2005.

“This Internet service will be especially useful for small business employers,” says Phyllis Kennedy, director of the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations. “It will allow them to save time and money while complying with state and federal laws. It also provides a means to file 24-hours a day, seven days a week .”

The secure online service will improve efficiency and even provides an easy payment method for employers who wish to use electronic funds transfer. All that is needed to complete the process is an Unemployment Compensation account number and a Federal Identification Number. Once the account is set-up on the Internet, future contribution filings are merely a matter of updating employee additions or deletions.

To register, just go to the Industrial Relations homepage at: <http://dir.alabama.gov/> and click on the “e-gov” icon. At every step of the way, help screens are available. For any questions, employers may call Bill Patton at 334/242-8371.

In addition, registration for new employers is also available. A process that used to take at least a week may now be completed easily within a matter of moments. The registration process provides the Unemployment Compensation account number. To register, select the same “e-gov” icon used for wage and contribution reporting and follow the prompts.

The new Internet services were funded by grants from the United States Department of Labor. The total grant amount of about \$705,000 covered technological set-up and hardware.

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Industrial Relations is an umbrella organization of State government which administers: State Employment Service, Unemployment Insurance, Workers' Compensation, and Labor Market Information. Smaller programs also administered include Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation, Mine Safety and Inspection, and Surface Mining of Non-Fuel Minerals. For more information on DIR visit the Web site: <http://dir.alabama.gov/>.